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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN PRESS REACTION TO SADAT/FAISAL COMMUNIQUE

1. JORDANIAN MEDIA COVERAGE HAS IGNORED OR DOWNPLAYED UNCONGENIAL ASPECTS (AS REPORTED CAIRO 5921) TO GOJ OF SADAT-FAISAL COMMUNIQUE. PAPERS HAVE NOT PUBLISHED TEXT AND DID NOT MENTION SUPPORT IN COMMUNIQUE FOR ALGIERS RESOLUTION NAMING PLO AS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS. ONLY REFERENCE TO PLO WAS A JIDDA BYLINE STATING COMMUNIQUE "MANIFESTED SUPPORT FOR PLO IN STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION OF THE LAND AND RESTORATION OF LEGITIMATE RIGHTS." MEANWHILE, PAPERS HAVE EMPHASIZED ELEMENTS OF COMMUNIQUE SUPPORTING GOJ POSITIONS SUCH AS CALL FOR POSTPONEMENT OF ARAB SUMMIT.

2. OFFICIAL GOJ DAILY AR RAI EVEN COMPLIMENTED SADAT-FAISAL COMMUNIQUE, WHICH IT DESCRIBED AS URGIN ALL ARABS TO UNITE.

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SIMILARLY, EDITORIAL IN AL DUSTOUR SAID JORDAN IS "PROUD"

COMMUNIQUE MENTIONED THAT SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN DISENGAGEMENT ACCORDS MUST BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER STEPS. EDITORIAL READ THIS AS SUPPORT FOR PM RIFAI'S CURRENT MISSION TO US EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT "NOW IS GOLDEN CHANCE FOR SISTERLY ARAB COUNTRIES TO BACK JORDAN IN CURRENT EFFORT AT DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD.

3. GOJ HAS OBVIOUSLY SOFT-PEDALED POLICY DIFFERENCES WITH SADAT-FAISAL COMMUNIQUE DURING KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT TO CANADA AND FOLLOWING PM RIFAI'S INITIAL STRONG REACTION OF "ASTONISHMENT" AT EARLIER AND SIMILAR DECLARATION BY GOE FONMIN FAHMY (CAIRO 5822).
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